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# Governors State University

## Civil Service Senate

### Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

11:00 a.m. – Room B2200

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Laura Owens. Roll call was done by Lynne Clayton.

	Present	Excused	Absent		Present	Excused	Absent
Lynne Clayton (2014)	X			Nancy McDaniel (2013)			X
Paula Cosenza (2014)	X			Eric Nicholson (2014)	X		
Crockett, Angelique		X		Laura Owens (2013)	X		
Andrea Dal Polo (2014)	X			Gina Ragland (2014)	X		
Joyce Giroux (2013)			X	Latonia Richmond (2013)		X	
Adrienne Gray (2013)	X			Raquel Rios-Aguirre (2014)			X
Shelina Jenkins (2014)	X			Kelly Robinson (2014)		X	
Shawn Jones (2013)		X		Mary Rothenberg (2013)		X	
Sheryl Jones-Harper (2014)	X			Karen Sinwelski (2013)	X		
Sandi Kawanna (2014)	X			Scott Smith (2013)			X
Marlene Lees (2013)		X					

**Ex-officio Member:** Maureen Bendoraitis

**Guests:** Merri Wilkerson, Anjanette Daniels, Sheila Wiggins, Jane Garner, Johnsie McAuley-Davis, Lauren Esolato, Debra Sbalchiero

**Approval of Minutes:** Karen Sinwelski moved to approve the March minutes as is, Sandi Kawanna seconded, all were in favor. Paula Cosenza moved to approve the May minutes as is, Adrienne Gray seconded, all were in favor.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Governance Committee** – Eric Nicholson – Eric informed the senate that after contacting the write-in votes, two of the four with multiple votes declined to serve, one said yes, (Debra Sbalchiero) the fourth candidate, Eric was unable to contact. Of those who got one write-in vote, Lauren Esolato said she would be willing to serve. Eric Nicholson moved that we elect Lauren to the senate, Sandi Kawanna seconded. All were in favor. Lauren will join the Senate July 1<sup>st</sup>. Two of the guests, Anjanette Daniels and Johnsie McAuley-Davis both expressed interest in joining. We will proceed with their election at the July meeting.
2. **Employee of the Month** – Shelina Jenkins – The June winner is in process.
3. **EAC Report** – Maureen Bendoraitis – Maureen is retiring soon, so a new EAC representative will need to be elected. HR has already started that process. Maureen reiterated that part of the

EAC committee's job is to help change the perception that a "Civil Service" employee is a low-paying, uneducated position. More highly qualified and better paying positions can also be and should be civil service positions.

4. **Financial Report** – Shelina Jenkins - There was a transfer of funds to help the Educational Assistance program. These monies must come from the Advancement Office account, so \$2,500 was transferred to that account.
5. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** –Lynne Clayton – The deadline is this Friday. Lynne will check with Stephanie Juarez to see how many summer applications were received.
6. **Newsletter** – On hold until the new senate convenes in July and new people can hopefully take it over.
7. **Affairs Committee** – Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton
  - a. June Ice Cream Social – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Will need volunteers. Lynne and Andrea will get the ice cream and pop. The July date is slated for July 24<sup>th</sup>. Someone mentioned the possibility of the Senate purchasing their own portable freezer unit. Something to think about.
  - b. Picnic – August 16<sup>th</sup> - The Picnic Committee is busy putting all the details together. RSVPs/Save the Date will be going out very soon.
  - c. Jackhammer Night – Andrea asked the Senate if there would be any interest in planning a Jackhammer excursion.
  - d. Movie Night – Lynne again brought up the idea of a movie night – still in the planning stages.
  - e. Possible Bus Trip – New suggestions included Ravinia, Navy Pier. Johnsie offered to help create a survey through Survey Monkey to get employee input.
  - f. Salute to Civil Service Employee Grads – Gina suggested we consider an event that celebrates any and all Civil Service employees who have graduated from GSU. Affairs Committee will look into this further.

**New Business** Pizza and pop was supplied by some senators and the Executive Committee to say good bye to our outgoing members and a hearty welcome to our new senators.

**Old Business:** Laura Owens has ordered the Civil Service table cloth and banner.

**Adjournment:** Sheryl Jones-Harper moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm, Shelina Jenkins seconded, all were in favor.